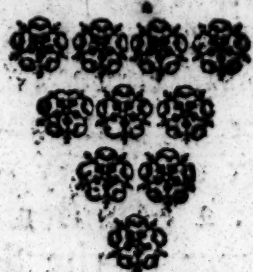


Aminadab:
EXPLAIN'D;
OR, AN
ANSWER
TO THE
Quaker's
VISION.
Paragraph by Paragraph.



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*A Reply to Aminadab : or an Answer
to the Quaker's Vision.*

First, **A**MINADAB passing through the pretended Gates of Zion; and that from the Western part lifting up his Eyes to the Eastern Heaven, &c. is utterly false; for in the true Zion is no Persecution, and the Inhabitants therein are none but Righteous: and in David a Curse is pronounc'd against the Haters thereof, *Psal. 129. 5. Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion, &c.*

Secondly; And whereas he speaks of the Heap of Stones, and the Horse under whose Belly the Mountain was said to have a wide Mouth; and instances as if the Spirit invited him to enter between the Teeth thereof: And further saying, He trembled at the Word, and waxed pale.

To say true, it would affright any one to see or hear of a true Vision of a sudden and unexpected; but I know not how it should affright or amaze a true Son of the Church, or any else, to see that they knew of before; and which was truly visible and auricular; The true Foundation of the Church is the Rock Christ, and it's said in Scripture the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it; but if a Wolf in Sheeps cloathing should enter, and infuse into the Auditors Ears, there is danger, when there is none, in order to confound and amaze a whole Country, and set one Party against another; I count such an one not a Minister of Christ, neither doth he preach Peace to the Soul, but rather Confusion and Destruction; when at the same time we verily believe Christ's Ministers are Ordain'd,

Constituted, and appointed to teach every one how and which way to work out their Salvation with Fear and Trembling; and if his or their Doctrine shall be contrary to the Law of God and Man, it's not the part of any one to repulse or heave Dirt in the Faces of any of our wise Senators, who shall think fit to call such an one to Question for his unwarrantable Actions.

Thirdly, It is truly observ'd, That our Author of this pretended Vision also says, he clapt his Right Hand on his Left Breast, follow'd the Light, and did the Will of the Lord, pretending it was deliver'd him by the Spirit, which shone within and without in great Fullness: to the which I reply, when the Soul is oppress'd with Pride, Hatred, and Envy, it is pleasing to that Person, to empty his filthy Vessel and spit his Venom, and more especially when he sees great likelihood of its taking effect according to his desired Expectation.

Fourthly, His entring the Bowels of the Mountain, and hearing the pleasing Sound, open'd his Ears, and listening with much Joy, lifted up his Eyes to behold the multitude that were gather'd amidst the heap of Stones; and so, says he, there appeared unto him, the chief Rulers of the City, and among the rest, the Mighty Man that kept the Keys thereof.

To this Point I answer, If one should go to a great Person, to ask a Boon, and it is present granted; would it not be very delightful and pleasing? or if a Man was inclin'd to sow the Seed of Sedition, and another appear and take his part; it must needs be according to the Affections of Mind, *Ergo*, the Sound thereof must needs be delighting; so I say, if an evil Man listen and hear other Speaking or Preaching according to the Affection of his wicked

Will, he must needs be joyful thereat, and it is most certainly melodious in his Opinion.

Fifthly, If a Temple is consecrated for the Service of our Lord, there is no other Reason but God's Work should be done therein, and naught else, the which makes me believe; it's not the part of any one to raise Feuds in the House of God, it being appointed for other Purposes; Did not Christ turn out the Buyers and Sellers from the Temple? See *John 2: Chap. 13. 14, 15, and 16. Verses*. If so, we may verily believe it's not a place for any one to preach Sedition in, and stir up the Commonalty in Contentious Riots, when at the same time we ought spend our Minutes for better Purposes, supposing a Jesuit's in Disguise, should get up in the Pulpit of a Protestant Church, and preach Rebellion, and sow the Seed of Contention and Mischief; and that in the presence of Almighty, and before the Chief Rulers of the City, and the mighty Man that carries the Keys; and if the latter should happen to be a Sleep, it would highly be the part of the other Rulers, to make the mighty Man, and Command such a Seditious and Incendiary to come forth the Pulpit, be silent and disperse the Multitude then present, &c.

Sixthly, For an ignorant Man, who perhaps may enter into a Church, passing-by, and hear; a *Baalitish* Priest, spitting forth his Venom against the Children of God, his Inclination leading him the same way as the fiery Discourse tends to, may be a great means for him to gaze round him from the North to the South, extending from the East to the West thereof, to behold if the Multitude shew any Similitude or Liking to the Auricular Doctrine then set forth, which to me would be Spurious; and that he may think he hath marvellous Things declar'd

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and sees Wonders, and by reason it pleaseth his senseless Opinion, may foolishly believe himself translated into the first Heaven, and a Fellow-Traveller in the Light: with *Enoch* and *Elijah*; at the same time he may be in the Dark, journeying to the Kingdom of *Satan*.

Seventhly, If a Hypocrite should fancy himself exalted by the Power of the Spirit, hearing delicious Cymbals, and Timbrels with many Voices, &c. the which might be delightful to him; during the continuance, would it not be as amazing and doleful on the other hand, if all their Joys should be eclips'd, and turn'd into Sadness in an instant, as it was with the Children of *Job*, who were eating and drinking Wine in their eldest Brother's House, *Job* 1. Verse 18. 19. No Man knoweth what a Day or Hour may bring forth; see the State of the Wicked in *Job* 20. to the end of the Chapter.

Eighthly, Concerning the Upright Man in the black Garment, being ascended in a high place, I answer, such an one cannot be reckon'd Upright, when he does not the Will of his Master, but acts according to the Inclination and Hearts of wicked People. How can we say then, and speak Truth, that God descended on him, and that Truths issued out of his Mouth, when it is clean contrary; God many times scourges his People, and sends others to afflict his Children to try 'em, whether they are steadfast, but did we ever find that a Minister of Christ was made an Instrument of Affliction; his part being to Pray and instruct his Hearers, how to Evert God's heavy Judgments from 'em, and to lash the Wicked with the Sword of God's Word; this is highly his part, and not to preach that which may tend to the dividing of a whole Nation, and breeding Strife therein; he that shall do this, may properly

perly be accounted the rotten Member himself, and not a true Son of the Church; and indeed, such would be enough to awake and astonish any true Professor who should happen to be present, and not be accounted lukewarm for so doing: And indeed, well may any one go out of the Mountain into the Streets of *Sion*, and with a loud Voice declare the poysonous and bitter Words that should be spoke by such a false Teacher, and be justly astonished at the shameful Cries that filled the whole City, because the Unrighteous Man (for so may such an one be justly call'd) had open'd his Mouth, and in the Gall of Passion spoke many false Things according to the Word.

Ninthly, But *Satan's* Kingdom being in great Peril through the Operation of the Spirit, which was very powerful in the good Man, a threatening Cloud arose out of the bottomless Pit, and covered over his Head, and a Voice like Thunder issued out of the Cloud, crying *This is not a Time*.

It may be understood that the Parties who is nominated to be of *Satan's* Kingdom, were in Election to be destroyed was true enough; but why were they so called, but by reason Pride overwade in the Hearts of those who were of a contrary Opinion, and thought they themselves should not have the Command to Domineer as they themselves thought fit; this was the Operation of Spirit spoken, of which issued out of the Mouth of this pretended good Man, who by his Actions shew'd a great Willingness to set all together by the Ears; and if such Threats did arise from the bottomless Pit, as our Author calls it, as likewise the Voice of the Cloud, we may suppose might be a warning from God, for him to avoid to do Evil; and therefore might justly thunder out his Warning in these words,
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and say, *This is not a Time.* But it could not be said, that Threats came from the bottomless Pit, which may be suppos'd to be the Regions of *Satan*, he not caring how much Evil, or Mischief is done, for the Promotion of his Kingdom.

Tenthly, These terrible Words were no sooner uttered, but a Monstrous Beast with many Heads also out of the bottomless Pit, with Fire in his Mouths, and Fury in his Looks, and Engraven upon his Breast, in great Letters, N. O. K. I. N. G.

If there were no Words at all spoken by way of Warning; if a Man had any Conscience at all, he would have some flattering Similitude, or Dread upon his Spirits, when he was acting any thing ill; and Fear it self might occasion him to believe, the Trumper of Warning might found in his Ears, tho at the same time he is adoining another Body's Drudgery, and the many Headed Beast may be supposed to be the Tempter egging him on to stir up the Blood of his Neighbours one against another, and the Fury in his Looks with the supposed Engraven Letters on his Breast is no other than to make the generality of People believe, that a good honest meaning Protestant People are for a Commonwealth, when at the same time they design nothing but Loyalty.

Eleventhly, A powerful Man with a craving Countenance attended on the Beast, having a huge Purse hanging by his Side, and his left Shoulder heavily laden, with much Vanity, and opening the Purse unto all those who had transgressed the Will of the many headed Beast he cried with a loud Voice *Fill, fill.*

By this may be understood, a certain Lawyer, who was gathering the Sum allotted to be paid by the Transgressor, for his several Offences committed

ted against the Laws of the Nation, and the Beast is supposed to be the good People whom he had so offended, and not the Beast spoken of in Revelation, Chap. 12. verse 3. and the Words *Fill, fill*; we may very well believe, do signifie the desire of an unlawful Honour, or an unjust Gain by an undeserving People.

Twelfthly, And so it came to pass, that the many Headed Beast stretched forth his Talons in a great Fury, and catching hold of the Man in Black, deliver'd him up into the Hands of the Man who had the great Purse, crying, *Let us mumble him and tumble him, squeeze him and teeze him, untill he eateth his own Words; or untill he drinketh plentifully of the Cup of Affliction.*

The Man in Black being call'd to Account according to Law, and deliver'd at first into Custody, in order to Answer for his Offences committed, and that not without Desert; they who were of his Party, thought it great Injustice; whereupon, they in Derision to their Superiours, cast out their By-words without Explaining, leaving 'em to be Construed by the Publick, saying, *Let's mumble him and tumble him, squeeze him and teeze him, &c.* Speaking, as if Afflictions were not due to him; and as if he had not Justice, though he came off so Honourably.

Thirteenthly, The Man in Black being sore troubled, that the Beast should deliver him up into close Captivity, to be buffeted by the Man with the unmerciful Purse, cried with an humble Voice, under heavy Persecution, *Wherein have I Offended since I have sinned not?* And the Beast again answered, *This is not a Time.*

Then the Man in Black bowed his Neck unto the Beast, and asked in Moderation, *When the time would be?*

be? And the Beast opening his Mouths, and answer'd, and said, *Never!*

When he had found he was likely to have trouble for his unjust Management, , and that he was confin'd for the same, reckoned it Persecution, and vexed very much, saying, he had sinned not, pretending, as if an Oracle (though the Author of the *Vision* hath another more vulgar Word, *The Beast*) should tell him it was not a Time, which indeed, no Time is a Time for Mischief.

Again, he floutingly demanding when it would be ; he says his Answer was *Never*.

Fourteenthly, The Man in Black who had thus offended the Beast, and provok'd the rotten Members into much Wrath, having found Favour with the Chief Ruler of the City, was therefore Commanded with much Hope, that the Mighty Man would bear him Witness of some things which he had spoke concerning.

By this he call'd the Protestant Children, who sided not with him the rotten Members, and what he said against them, expected that Mighty Man who carried the Keys, should Evidence for him, but he was mistaken.

15. But the Mighty Man, being a true Servant unto the Idol, *Mammon*, and a Limb of Antichrist, would by no means witness of the Truth ; but siding with the luke-warm Professours against the Convictions of the Light, bore Testimony against the Man in Black, swearing bitterly that he knew him not, like that frail Servant, and Apostle *Peter*, who denied his Lord, in the Day of Trouble.

He knowing nothing of the Matter, as having been in a sound Sleep, could bear no Testimony for him, for which Reason the Man in Black terms him to be of the *Mammon* of Unrighteousness, and a luke-

lukewarm Professour, as having bore Testimony against him of the Untruths he spoke; therefore chose rather to keep his Honour, than bring the Black Man out of his deserved Trouble.

16. and 17. Then an Angel of Light cloathed in a Mourning Weed, and seated on a high Place, appeared unto me like a Disconsolate Mother, weeping for the Sins of the Sons and Daughters of *Sion*, and for the Rage and Fury of the many Headed Beast which had long threatned the Holy Temple of the most High with many Tribulations.

And lo, the angry Beast with a halting Prophet, who was one of the rotten Members, hanging at his Rump, approach'd the sorrowful Woman, and cryed with a loud Voice, against the Man in Black, who had provok'd the rotten Members into great Wrath.

The Deeds he had committed caused great Mourning in the Angel of Light, who like a Disconsolate Nursing Mother was in concern to see such Discontent as happen'd, and all occasioned through a hot fiery Spirit: To prevent which, She endeavoured with great Prudence, to make Peace on all Sides, for the Peace, Quietness, and Glory of the Sons and Daughters of *Sion*.

Next place, Is it not the Temper of a *Roman Catholick*, and several others, to reckon those Beasts who are not of their Perswasions, and rotten Members, though they themselves are such and no other; and to say true, the halting Prophet who he so calls, was and is a truer and betrer Member of Christ than he is, or, I doubt, will be, neither did he demand any other than what was legal and right in the sight of God and Man.

18. And the Beast opening his many Mouths a second time, said unto the Woman, *We present un-*

to thee this Holy Man, who halteth at our Ramp, and pray ye forthwith that he may find Favour in thy Sight, and that his Horn may be exalted above the rest of his Brethren, for he hath written marvellous things, for the good of the Saints who are now in possession of the New Jerusalem.

Here we may apprehend, that he would seem to speak, as if the Beast should pretend, after having brought the Black Man to Examination, to make Intercession for his Delivery, and could find no better word in all his Rhetorick for his Fellow-Creature, than Beast, though Men and good Christians, which is to be fear'd he was not; as if they would first call him to Question, and then own he writ marvellous Things for the good of the Protestants, and desire him to be exalted above the rest of his Brethren: Oh! No, his Deserts were otherwise.

19. But the Holy Woman being highly blessed with great Wisdom from above, knew that the lame Follower of the Beast was a rotten Member, and a loud Babler; therefore answer'd and said unto the Beast, in great Scorn, *I will take a time to Reward thy Friend according to his Deeds.*

Then the many headed Beast in great indignation, brought the Man in black under heavy Persecution; but he cried unto the Lord in the Day of Tribulation, and the Lord stretched out the Arm of the Spirit in the time of Trouble, and delivered him safe out of the Hands of his Enemies.

Here his time being come for his publick Examination for his Notorious Offences, 'twas thought, one who is Highly Blessed, and a nursing Mother to her People, being willing he should have according to his deserts, promised his reward as his Deeds did require.

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At the hearing of which, the good Man, whom he calls Beast, and pretends were in wrath according to Command, brought all Matters to bear, according to Command, and he was acquitted.

21, The Beast being angry that the Man in Black had found favour in the sight of the Lord, was sorely grieved in Spirit for many Days, and many Nights. And behold there was much joy in the Streets of *Sion*, for the Deliverance of the Man in Black, who was greatly beloved of most People, for his Mother's sake.

To say any one murmured or shewed any Countenance of Anger, is a great mistake, all Persons being easy and quiet, and very well satisfied at all Passages; tho' others with much Disobedience, being not fully satisfied on their Parts, joy'd at their own Iniquity, marching in Drove here, and there, and every where, according to the Fancys of their own Will; making Illuminations, &c. for joy of they knew not what.

22 and 23. When the Rotten Member that halted after the Beast, to whom he had ascribed all Power, heard Tydings of these Things, the Spirit moved him to flee for safety, out of the Holy City. For the Multitude being vexed in Spirit at the manifold Sufferings of the Man in Black, gathered together in great wrath, threatened his Enemies with much Violence, and lifted up their Hands in the face of the Law, against the Synagogues of Error, and Hypocrisie.

To these two I answer, that notwithstanding all the Justice imaginable was shew'd him by our Wise Senators, yet were they not content, but like Savage Beasts would Ransack the Houses of such, whom they called their Enemies, and drive them out of their Habitations; after which pulled down, burnt and destroy'd all they could, and that contrary to all Legal Power whatever. Is this the part of a Christian? Why then if so, it is but little better than the bloody Romans, who would not stick, if opportunity permits, but to commit Murder it self, and truly we may believe these would have done the same, if they had not been prevented. And how much doth it shew like good Subjects, true English Men, and good Christians: On the contrary it is Barbarity and Base! and to say all, an Action, not to be Laugh'd at, how little doth it make a Man to do ill and then boast of it? When done, as much as to say, these valued no Government or Law.

24. and 25. But when the Beast saw these marvellous things he waxed warm in Spirit, and taking; the Words of the Man in Black, and the many marvellous Sayings which he had gleaned also; out of the Dead Letter, the Beast caused several Burnt-Offerings to be made therewith; but the Lord being Angry at their vain Words, accepted not thereof.

Then the Cloud vanished, and the Beast returned into the Bottomless Pit, and the Man in Black, though they had Padlock'd up his Mouth, appear'd

appear'd in the Eyes of all that beheld him, very bright and Beautiful.

Herein we may first discern how Civilly and Genteel our High-flown Author of the said *Vision* Treats on, Wise Representatives, in making the Law but a Dead Letter, and what was Com-manded, and found Just by Law to be done, he vainly and in a profuse Rediculing manner, speaks as if what was done was intended for a Sacrifice to God: And in the next place observe the Title he bestows, he presenting his Superiours no better than Beasts, the which I take to be spitting in the Face of Justice it self.

And to conclude, he speak as if all being over the Cloud, he says Vanisht; and then says he, he the Beast return'd to the Bottomless Pit, where that is may be consider'd his audacious meaning; also he says, the Man in Black appeared in the Eyes of that beheld him very Bright and Beautiful, though they had padlockt up his Mouth; making a Derision of all concern'd with this their pretended Mighty Champion.

*Let all who do against the Government,
For Rioting, receive just Punishment.*

*The Queen God bless, and send her long to Reigne
And by her Arms, to Conquer France and Spaine
That we may once more live, and Happy be,
And live at Home in Peace and Unity.*

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